

Apartments

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filled up again.

"All of the apartments have skylights, so the natural lighting is very good," Glenda added.

In addition to skylights, the renovated units feature the original foldaway brass Murphy beds, Hoosier cabinets and hardwood floors, built-in ironing boards, nine foot ceilings, high-speed Internet access, new claw foot tubs with showers, new plumbing and electrical systems and secured entrances.

"It's a classy building with modern amenities and a convenient downtown location," said Lon Combs, managing director of CamVest. "The [Liberty] theater is next door. You can get coffee across the street at the Columbia River Bar & Grill. The [Lutz] hardware store is a block away, and the [Post-Record] newspaper office is down the street."

Each apartment also has new separate heat and air conditioning controls. A laundry room is located off the main hallway for tenants' use. Rent prices are expected

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to vary from \$575 to \$800 per month.

One unit is already reserved, according to Combs.

"The man is traveling now," he said. "He is in sales, and he liked the location in downtown Camas and its close proximity to the airport."

Combs and his brothers, Howard, Alan and Craig, and sister, JoAnn Taylor, own Camas Antiques and the Farrell Building Suites. They purchased the C.E. Farrell building, constructed in 1924, from Glenda Schuh and her three siblings.

"I've always wanted to own a historic building, and to see it open again is a good feeling," Taylor said. "The apartments are turning out even better than I expected. I think the public will be surprised with the quality of the restoration."

Thor Larsen, a building official with the City of Camas for 23 years, said the apartments would once again serve as an asset to the downtown area.

"The owner and the contractor have preserved as much of the historical character [of the building] as possible," he said. "We're definitely happy to see the improvements to the building."

Richard Armas, owner of Armas Construction, of Central Point, Ore, has served as the general contractor for the \$300,000 project.

Apartment tours are expected to be available later this month. For more information, call Combs at 253-7810.

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